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THIRD COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT-FRANCE

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1. FRENCH CON GEN INFORMED US ON MONDAY, 4 AUGUST, THAT
IN SOME CASES FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO ISSUE VISAS
TO THE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD ONLY. THE REMAINDER OF THE FAMILY
WOULD BE REQUIRED TO WAIT UNTIL HUSBAND FOUND JOB IN FRANCE
AND COULD PROVE ABILITY TO SUPPORT.
 2. OF TWENTY LAISSEZ-PASSER DELIVERED ON 4 AUGUST FIVE
WERE IN THAT CATEGORY AND FAMILIES EXCLUDED NUMBERED
TWENTY-ONE PEOPLE. WHEN QUERIED, CON GEN SAID THAT, OF
COURSE, FAMILIES COULD FOLLOW, WHEN PRINCIPAL HAD JOB.
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF UNSUCCESSFUL, WAS DISMISSED AS UNLIKELY.
EQUALLY LIGHTLY DISMISSED WAS FACT THAT ONCE PRINCIPAL
DEPARTED, HE COULD NOT RETURN TO U S IF UNSUCCESSFUL IN
LOCATING JOB.
 3. CONCERN HERE IS THAT IF CERTAINTY OF JOB IN FRANCE IS
SO HIGH, WHY THE TRIAL PERIOD? AND IF IT DOES NOT WORK OUT
THEN WHAT? ADDITIONALLY, HOW LONG DO WE KEEP FAMILIES IN
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CAMP WHOSE PRINCIPALS HAVE DEPARTED TO FRANCE? IT IS AN

UNFORTUNATE TURN OF EVENTS, AND VIEWED FROM HERE HOLDS ONLY
THE PROMISE OF FURTHER COMPLICATING REFUGEE PROGRAM AND
HINDERING FINAL RESETTLEMENTS. UNQUOTE SISCO

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